

- (c) establish work programmes in mutually agreed priority areas to facilitate the acceptance of conformity assessment results and equivalence of technical regulations;
- (d) monitor the progress of work programmes;
- (e) review the implementation and operation of this Chapter;
- (f) facilitate technical consultations;
- (g) report, where appropriate, its findings to the Joint Committee; and
- (h) carry out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 11.

3. The Sub-Committee shall meet at such venues and times as may be agreed by the Parties.

4. The Parties shall coordinate their undertakings with the activities conducted in the bilateral, regional and multilateral context, with the objective of avoiding unnecessary duplication and maximising efficiency of efforts of the Parties in this field.

5. The Sub-Committee shall be:

- (a) composed of representatives of the Governments of the Parties; and
- (b) co-chaired by an official of the Government of Japan and an official of one of the Governments of the ASEAN Member States, which are the Parties.

Article 49 Non-application of Chapter 9

The dispute settlement procedures provided for in Chapter 9 shall not apply to this Chapter.

Chapter 6 Trade in Services

Article 50 Trade in Services

1. Each Party shall endeavour to, in accordance with its laws, regulations and policies, take further steps towards the expansion of trade in services among or between the Parties consistent with GATS.

2. The Parties shall, with the participation of Japan and all ASEAN Member States, continue to discuss and negotiate provisions for trade in services with a view to exploring measures towards further liberalisation and facilitation of trade in services among Japan and ASEAN Member States and to enhance cooperation in order to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of services and service suppliers of Japan and the ASEAN Member States. For this purpose, a Sub-Committee on Trade in Services, which shall be composed of representatives of the Governments of Japan and all ASEAN Member States, shall be established in accordance with Article 11 within one (1) year from the date of entry into force of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 79.

3. The results of the negotiations referred to in paragraph 2, if any, shall be incorporated into this Chapter in accordance with Article 77.

Chapter 7 Investment

Article 51 Investment

1. Each Party shall endeavour to, in accordance with its laws, regulations and policies, create and maintain favourable and transparent conditions in the Party for investments of investors of the other Parties.

2. The Parties shall, with the participation of Japan and all ASEAN Member States, continue to discuss and negotiate provisions for investment, with a view to improving the efficiency and competitiveness of the investment environment of Japan and ASEAN Member States through progressive liberalisation, promotion, facilitation and protection of investment. For this purpose, a Sub-Committee on Investment, which shall be composed of the representatives of the Governments of Japan and all ASEAN Member States, shall be established in accordance with Article 11 within one (1) year from the date of entry into force of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 79.

3. The results of the negotiations referred to in paragraph 2, if any, shall be incorporated into this Chapter in accordance with Article 77.